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WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2005

PRESENT: LAURA PETRAIN, CHAIRMAN; LEON METHOT, CO-CHAIRMAN; HELEEN KURK, SELECTMAN; THOMAS REYNOLDS, JR., SELECTMAN; DOUGLAS COOK, SELECTMAN

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: ROBERT CHRISTENSEN
RECORDING SECRETARY: Cherry Palmisano

GUESTS: Forrest Esenwine, Virginia Esenwine, Frank Campana, Carl Knapp, Merry Rice, Naomi Bolton, Chris Hague, Lynn Hanna, Judy Rogers, Chip Meany, Matt Esenwine, Paul Marsh, Jon Dowst, David Hunt, Richard Butt, Sharon DeStefano, Chief Robert Richards, William Quigley, William Tiffany, Dot O'Neil, Irene Colburn, Elizabeth Straw, Bob Peterson

7:14 pm Chairman Laura Petrain called the meeting to order.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – no comments

2. DEPARTMENT HEAD – no comments

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS – no comments

4. PUBLIC HEARING – To hear public testimony and receive information on the Proposed 2005 Operating Budget and all Warrant Articles for the Town of Weare

Mrs. Devriendt spoke on behalf of the Happy Wear-ites regarding the disbursement of funds that the group had received in the past which amounted to \$2,500 annually. It was discussed that the Parks and Recreation had some concern about these funds being placed within their budget if it is something they have no control over. Selectman Kurk stated that it doesn't matter which budget the senior line is in but the money is beneficial to the older seniors of Weare. Chairman Petrain stated that she would like to see a senior serve on Parks and Recs to oversee and have some accountability of this budget. Betty Straw stated that if accounting for the money is an issue it can be resolved.

Selectman Kurk stated that an individual had requested that the definition of a default budget be read aloud.

"A default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized by previous year, reduced and increased as the case may be by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget as determined by the governing body, unless provisions of RSA:40:14-b are adopted of the local political subdivision."

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5. PUBLIC HEARING – To hear public testimony and receive information for the BOS accepting gifts given to the Weare Police Department for use by the School Resource Officer who is assigned to JSRHS

Acting Chief Quigley stated that they got a call from Cody Towing in Manchester asking the Police Department if they would be interested in a donation of a vehicle. Chief Quigley stated the main drive behind them accepting the donation of the vehicle was for liability purposes of Officer Peterson in using his personal vehicle for Police Department Business. Officer Peterson took it upon himself to get all the necessary donations needed to properly outfit the car. It will cost \$411 to insure the vehicle for one year. Chief Quigley stated that Officer Peterson lives closer to the fuel pumps at the Transfer Station than the Police Station and makes more sense that he takes the vehicle home. Officer Peterson is the only officer that lives in town and if he gets an after hours call needing his immediate response it is beneficial for him to have this vehicle at his residence. Officer Peterson stated that having this vehicle invokes pride throughout the community.

Kurk questioned Officer Peterson when this car is no longer useful are we tied into replacing this vehicle in the future. Officer Peterson stated there will be no obligation to the town to replace this car.

Mr. Frank Campana stated that the process in which this vehicle came about has been an issue with him since day one. Mr. Campana feels that the process was tainted and the information should have been brought forth before the paint and decals. Mr. Campana questioned whether the town is liable for other officers when they leave their residence to report for work. Chief Quigley stated that Officer Peterson's responsibilities differ from other officers and he is responsible for bus stops and routes on the way to JSRHS. As a taxpayer, Mr. Campana would like to see some of these donations accepted before the fact. Mr. Campana requested that the Board follow donations more closely in the future.

Chairman Petrain stated that there is a process in place on how donations are accepted. The car was not brought forth at the beginning but hopefully this is a lesson learned and the process will be followed properly in the future.

Mr. Richard Butt agreed with Mr. Campana that the donation process was not done correctly but feels as though the vehicle is a tool for the Officer to gain the trust, acceptance, and pride of the students. Mr. Butt feels the Board should accept this donation.

Mr. Matt Esenwine agrees with Mr. Campana and Mr. Butt on the process of the donation. Mr. Esenwine feels that this donation of a School Resource Vehicle is a great gift and the maintenance cost should be minimal to the town. Mr. Esenwine urged the BOS to accept this great gift.

Selectman Kurk stated that the grant for the School Resource Officer will be completed in August. The vehicle will remain as a Police vehicle even if the School Resource Officer's salary will be paid through the School Budget.

Chairman Petrain closed the public hearing at 8:28 p.m.

Chairman Petrain moved, Selectman Reynolds seconded to accept the donations in conjunction with the School Resource Officer Vehicle. Passed 5-0-0.

The Board went over the Proposed 2005 Operating Budget with the Department Heads and Committee Members and made adjustments.

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Co-Chairman Methot moved, Chairman Petrain seconded to leave the proposed Land Use Budget as is. Passed 3-2-0. Selectman Kurk and Selectman Cook voted no.

6. MANIFESTS

Chairman Petrain moved, Selectman Kurk seconded, to authorize the Board of Selectman to sign Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign checks dated January 13, 2005. Passed 5-0-0.

Accounts payable	\$208,981.34
Gross Payrolls	<u>\$ 33,155.38</u>
Total	\$242,136.72

Selectman signed manifest and ordered the Treasurer to sign checks dated January 6, 2005.

Accounts payable	\$131,122.13
Gross Payrolls	<u>\$ 27,654.51</u>
Total	\$158,776.64

Chairman Petrain moved, Selectman Kurk seconded, to authorize the Board of Selectman to sign Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign checks dated January 20, 2005. Passed 5-0-0.

Accounts payable	\$105,383.64
Gross Payrolls	<u>\$ 27,859.01</u>
Total	\$132,242.65

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Christensen distributed paperwork for the Boards Signatures.

Chairman Petrain moved, Co-Chairman Methot seconded to have the Chairman sign the Audit Letter. Passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Petrain moved, Co-Chairman Methot seconded, to enter into nonpublic session @ 12:02 a.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3II(c). A roll call vote was taken. Co-Chairman Methot - yes; Selectman Reynolds - yes; Selectman Kurk - yes; Selectman Cook - yes; Chairman Petrain - yes. Passed 5-0-0.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Cherry Palmisano, Recording Secretary